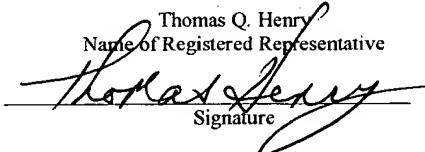


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents

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Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A tomographic sensor array for mounting on a support within a vessel to enable conditions within the vessel remote from that support to be monitored, comprising a sheet [which may be mounted on a support within the vessel, the sheet] carrying an array of sensors and conductors connecting the sensors to at least one output through which signals may be transmitted which are representative of conditions [to which the sensors are exposed] within the vessel.
  
2. (Amended) A sensor array according to claim 1, wherein the sheet is laminar and the conductors are defined by conductive elements [tracks] deposited on an insulating substrate.